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1. APPRECIATE PROMPT DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (REF A).
2. LEVY AND PLASSE APPEARED IN COURT AT 0800 BUCHAREST TIME JANUARY 13; WAITED THROUGH FIRST COURT SESSION INSIDE COURT WITHOUT BEING CALLED; WERE SEEN BY A JUDGE WHEN THEY PLEADED PRESS OF TIME; MADE ORAL STATEMENT IN ROMANIAN TO EFFECT THAT STOLEN ARTICLES HAD BEEN RECOVERED AND THAT THEY HAD NO FURTHER CLAIM; SIGNED WRITTEN STATEMENT IN ENGLISH TO THIS EFFECT; AND WERE DISMISSED BY JUDGE, WHO STATED THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER NEED FOR THEM.
3. EMBASSY HAS SENT TO MFA NOTE NO. 8, DATED JANUARY 13, 1978, WITH FOLLOWING TEXT (PRECEDING COMPLIMENTARY CLOSING). BEGIN TEXT: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO SUMMONSES ADDRESSED BY ROMANIAN JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES TO

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TWO DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS OF THIS EMBASSY, SECOND SECRETARY JOEL J. LEVY AND ASSISTANT ATTACHE ROGER E. PLASSE, TO APPEAR ON JANUARY 13, 1978, AS INJURED PARTIES IN THE TRIAL OF PETRE LASLO FOR THEFT.

THE EMBASSY IS PLEASED TO INFORM THE MINISTRY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AUTHORIZES A LIMITED WAIVER OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY FOR MR. LEVY AND MR. PLASSE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE

ROMANIAN JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF RELATING
FACTS WITHIN THEIR KNOWLEDGE RELATING TO THE BURGLARIES. MR.
LEVY AND MR. PLASSE ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO TESTIFY ON UNRELATED
MATTERS, NOR IS THEIR IMMUNITY FROM EITHER CRIMINAL OR CIVIL/
ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION BEING WAIVED IN ANY OTHER FASHION
OR FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE. END TEXT.
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